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Five expeditions will soon be in quest of the north pole. If it should be reached, of what avail would it be to any one?

The New York World is now worrying mountains for the benefit of Mrs. McKinlev. If it were not that it would be something else.

General Gomez seems to think the Amerithe root of all the evils in the island. That is rather a sweeping view. The island was not altogether a paradise under Spanish

Those who inveigh against "imperialism" to define the term. position the United States government has taken they will find the people are not

It is pleasant to read that Aug. 12, the first anniversary of the day on which the Amer ican flag was raised over Hawaii, will be ob served throughout the islands as a holiday The star of republican empire sheds its light wherever it goes.

The history of strikes and their failures seems to demonstrate that walking dele gates and professional labor agitators do organized labor much more harm than good Their salaries depend on fomenting trouble between employes and employers, and when that falls their occupation is gone.

Governor Candler, of Georgia, makes som very strong and sweeping statements re garding the race question in the South, bu they fall short of practical results. Gov ernor Candler should go to school to Booker T. Washington, who is doing more than any white statesman of the South to solve the race question

The action of the Bishop of Cleveland issuing to the Catholics of that city an apforth the evils of lawlessness furnishes suburb of that city who went to the authem to remove the urged roops who had checked lawlessness and cattered rioters.

The Manila correspondent of the Ne York Evening Post has written that pape that it is untrue to say that Aguinaldo's insince the Americans hold the more valuable and densely populated portion of the Island of Luzon, while the insurgents hold the larger area of sparsely settled country out side the better portions.

The Hartford Courant says: "The people of Indiana are vastly proud of General Lawton, but at latest advices the Indiana Lawton presentation sword fund contained just \$162." This is rather an inaccurate the amount stated and still increasing. By the way, what has Connecticut done for any State hero?

The surprising statement is made that Italy the annual publication of books is one for every 3,300 of its population, while in the lishes a new book each year for every 3,300 book serve an average of 6,500 of its people This statement brings out the fact that very large proportion of our population indifferent to books

A cablegram from Trieste to a New York newspaper reports Admiral Dewey as say and Germany, and it is not at all likely that Admiral Dewey expressed the sentiment attributed to him

but it does not speak very well for the press he is a great, undiscovered and the only fit man for th place who could have been found. No doub Hon. Elihu Root, the new secretary of war, is a bright man and good lawyer; but there are others. The possibilities of the American people should not be exhausted in pane-

Those who make much ado over alleged in politics and speak of them as a product of the present period should read the recently published story of the which resulted in defeating the 1864. Senator Charles Sumner was the chief conspirator. He liked Mr. Hamlin, but hated Senator W. P. Fessenden, of Maine, with a mortal hatred. He if he could defeat Mr. Hamd become a candidate for United States against Mr. Fessenden in 1865 and elected. To secure that end he secured delegation to the Republican national

Massachusetts delegation worked against Mr. Hamlin and accomplished his defeat. The rest of the conspiracy failed. Mr. Fessenden was elected by the Maine Legislature in 1865, so that the wise and influential statesman, who, for years, had been too able in running debate for Mr. Sumner, returned from the secretaryship of the treasury to the Senate and to the leadership which Mr. Sumner coveted. The interesting bit of private political history was given by the late Vice President Hamlin to hi grandson, who wrote his biography.

A LAME DEFENSE. The views of Governor Candler, of Georgia, regarding the responsibility for lynchings in that State, do not seem to meet the practical features of the evil. What he has to say about the evil influence of the carpetbagger is a matter of the distant past. He was driven from power more than twenty years ago in Georgia, since which time the control of affairs has been in the hands of the native whites. The evil of the franchise in the hands of the ignorant colored man cannot be very great, since his vote is no longer counted except in cities where two whites contend for the office of mayor, It the colored man has sold his vote it has been to others than those called carpetbaggers, and when not one voter in five Georgia went to the polls to vote for con CHICAGO-Palmer House, P. O. News Co., 217 gressmen last November, it cannot be that there was much call for the bribing of coi ored men. What the Governor says about restricting suffrage to the intelligent should apply to white as well as black if it is good theory. If learning to read has been harmful to the colored man it must be to the white. It may be true that many young colored people will not work, but what about the whites? If labor is conducive to the moral welfare of one race it must be to other races. Governor Candler's remarks about the colored men being encouraged in pursuing lawless and vicious courses by Northern fanatics is idle, because, as a matter of fact, little is said about the situation in the South. Lynching has been condemned, not because it has been more frequent in the South than in the North, but because it is destructive of law and order, and removes all security to life and prop-

> In the views of Governor Candler, who has undertaken to suppress the lynching of lynchers. The responsibility is charged upon a few negroes who are lawless, but not word of criticism is spoken of men who seem to care little whether the victim is innocent. So far as his statements carry any inference, it is in palliation of the offense, and seems not to be designed to put an end to it. And here it may be remarked that there is no intention to charge lawlessness upon the South alone. We have as vicious samples of it in the North. Lynching for the crimes charged against colored men is no greater offense than dynamiting street-railway structures and cars oaded with passengers. There can be no defense of either. Both are crimes which must be checked unless we are prepared to see the spirit of anarchy spread so that no life will be secure. Governor Candler is open to criticism, because he has assumed an

> apologetic attitude toward the lynchers. What is needed is a concerted movement of all good citizens in every community sustain lawful methods and to see that those who are charged with the enforcement of the laws for the security of society faithfully discharge their duty. The law-abiding, law-loving element in every community should be organized to oppose viclence and lawlessness. If such an organization would be effected upon the single of preserving peace and order all over the country, dynamiters and lynchers would not long be heard of.

# THE HOME MISSIONARY FIELD.

The use of dynamite in connection with

street-railway strikes in Northern cities and the revolting exhibitions of lynchings in the South are incidents which should not be passed in silence. It may do no good to deplore them, yet it seems that ublic attention should be called to them. n both the cities where dynamite was used to blow up elevated tracks or cars containng human beings, the leaders in the strikes disclaimed all responsibility for the use of explosives and denounced those using them. In both instances labor leaders have charged officers of the companies with responsibility for these outrages on the ground that they would change public sentiment. It is an encouraging indication that those on both sides who are responsible for But the use of dynamite and other explosives and the hurling of missiles through car windows proves, as Mayor Farley has an element that avails itself of any disturbance to commit the darkest crimes-an eleofficers of the law. It is impossible to say who these men are. It is suspected that

In the South the past week there have been dead, his body was cut into pleces and the vucning as souvenirs. People have looked eagerly for a denial of this report of reoulsive fiendishness, but none has appeared People have been shocked at the recital of the fiendishness of Indians in time of war, and in their indignation have demanded the destruction of the power of Turkey because of the barbarism of the Turks in their treatof the Armenians, but no Indian barbarity or Turkish outrage has presented a spectacle so abhorrent as the cutting up of human body that the pieces might be distributed as souvenirs; and yet, the men guilty of such revolting atrocity were born in a country of schools and churches. Doubtless all of them have heard what is called the gospel preached, yet paganism could

not present a more revolting spectacle. It may not be of any use to say that while our churches are sending missionaries to large cities there are localities in which criminality is so intrenched that the church has abandoned them, thus tacitly admitting that they are beyond the influence of Christianity. If efforts are made to redeem such spots they are attacked by the weaker rather than the stronger forces of the Christian prevails there seems to be opportunity for the missionary if the churches are looking for a benighted people to whom to preach the gospel which will redeem men from law-

It is not intended to hold the churches re-

lawless element, but simply to call attention to the fact that they exist and are most active in a country which has done most to send the gospel to foreign nations, and to uggest that more attention should be given to the home field where the harvest seems so ripe for missionary effort.

### THE NEXT CENSUS.

The approaching enumeration of the popplation of the United States is beginning to excite speculation as to the result of the count and the next location of the center of population. This calls attention to the fact, previously overlooked by many, that, under the census of 1890, the center was about forty miles southeast of this city, in, Decatur county. The phrase, center of popuation, by the way, is intended to indicate the center of gravity of the population. Statisticians define it as "the point at which quilibrium would be reached were the country taken as a plane surface, itself without weight, but capable of sustaining weight, and loaded with its inhabitants, in number and position as they are found at the time of enumeration, each individual being assumed to be of the same gravity as every other, and, consequently, to exert pressure on the pivotal point directly proportioned to his distance therefrom." In other words, if the United States were a great plane surface without weight and the people belonging to each State and Territory, according to the census of 1890, were placed in their several positions at the time of enumeration the plane, with its superincumbent weight, would balance on a pivot near Greensburg, Ind. The phrase, "center of population," is, therefore, more arbitrary than mathematically correct, but experience has shown that it has a very close reation to the movement of population. In 1800, when the bulk of the population of the United States lay near the Atlantic seaboard, from north to south, the center of population was about eighteen miles west of Baltimore. It followed the westward movement of population with each decennial census until, in 1880, it was in Kentucky, about eight miles southwest of Cincinnati, and in 1890 was as above stated. It has moved about fifty miles westward with each census, and, since 1850, considerably northward. As the population of the Southern States has increased quite rapidly during the last few years, and as the colored population will probably be more carefully enumerated next year than ever before, the next census may cause the center to move considerably southward, and if the inhabitants of our new island possessions are counted it may be materially affected in other directions. If the census is confined to the United States and Territories, not including our new possessions, the center will undoubtedly remain in this State at least one more decade.

The next census will have special interest because it will establish the starting point for our twentieth century development. We began the nineteenth century with a population of 5,308,483, and the next census will show a population of about 76,000,000. Some estimates place it as high as 80,000,000. and one expert makes it between 77,675,000 and 77,680,000. An estimate prepared by the government actuary of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington placed the population on June 1, 1898, at 74,389,000, and the same basis of calculation would make it 77,332,000 in 1900. Still another expert, the statistician of the Department of Agriculture, makes a careful review of all the data in the case estimates the population in 1900 at 74, 480,860. A newspaper estimate of the population on Jan. 1, 1899, placed it at 77,803,231, but as this was based in every case on estimates made by Governors or state officials it probably exceeded the mark. Owing to a falling off in immigration during the last decade, as compared with previous ones, and to other causes affecting the increase of population, it is not likely to exceed 76,000,-000, and is more likely to fall below than go above this estimate. This would increase of about 14,000,000 over the population in 1890, and would indicate a rate of

#### growth quite rapid enough to be healthy. CREMATION.

Commenting on the cremation of the late Colonel Ingersoll's mortal remains an alleged religious paper says: "Speedy annihilation by fire would be perhaps the most appropriate disposition to make of the body of one who did not believe in the resurrec-The remark is as devoid of reason is of Christian charity. It requires cience or infallibility for one human being thus to sit in judgment on another, and the spirit of the remark is the same as that stake, meaning by heretics and infidels all who differed from themselves. From scientific point of view the remark shows matter is never destroyed either by decay by fire, or any other means. It may be made to undergo many changes of form, but destroyed never. A human body that is de posited in the earth, there to decay and rounding it, may help to supply the elements of various forms of vegetable or animal life, but not an atom of it is destroyed or lost. Shakspeare expressed the rationale of the case when he made Hamlet say: "Why may not imagination trace the noble dust of Alexander till we find it stopping bunghole?" Or again: "Imperious Caesar dead and turned to clay, might stop a hole to keep the wind away." Tennyson says 'And from his ashes may be made the violet of his native land." Whatever may be thought regarding the doctrine of the trans migration of souls, the transmutation of matter is a familiar and constant operation nature. But transmutation is not de structive nor change of form annihilation A body that is burned is no more annihilated than one that is placed in the earth to turn to dust. In one case it is brought under new conditions by a process of slow and repulsive decomposition, and in the other is converted by fire into gases, which escape the air, and a handful of cleanly ashes In either case not an atom is lost, and as far as the doctrine of resurrection is concerned it is as applicable and credible in one case as in the other. Admitting that there is such a thing as bodily resurrection the together and rearrange in a resurrected once gave it shape and form in life could do it with equal ease whether they were foun in the earth, the air or the ocean. very superficial kind of Christianity and very unauthorized view of the doctrine of way dependent upon the manner in which one's body is disposed of after death. They who have been buried at sea and become food for fishes, they who have perished o

deserts and become food for animals or

birds of prey, the millions who have died in

battle, and the millions who have died

bed, the saints and martyrs of all ages, the

victims of persecution and their persecutors, no matter how or when they have died or how their bodies have been disposed of, wil all be subject to the same law, if there is any law in the case, and will all obey the

same summons, if any summons come. As a means of disposing of the bodies of the dead cremation is growing in favor, though slowly. It is supported by sanitary and hygienic reasons, but sentiment and long established custom are haru to overcome. As the population of the country in creases and cities grow the question of disposing of the bodies of the dead will become more and more a practical and important one, and cremation is likely to grow in favor. The religious and sentimental objection to it will not stand the test of rea-

The Ruskin co-operative colony, whose property in Tennessee was sold by a receiver a few days since, is the last failure of an attempt at socialism. Its large tract of land with eighty houses was sold for \$12,465. The colony was formed several years ago to carry out the theories of Fourier and Bellamy. Except the metals, the colony had the raw material for the manufacture of everything essential to its comfort. Its membership embraced men skilled in agriculture, horticulture and all the mechanic arts. Every member, regardless of the character of his work, received the same com pensation. Every man was required to work, and every woman employed with donestic duties received the same compensation as men, and yet with a membership devoted to the theories of socialism, the Ruskin association has come to an end brough the action of a minority of dissatisfied stockholders who had the property put into the hands of a receiver. The majority of the stockholders propose to form a new colony, but most of their assets have been lost in the property, which was sold at about half its cost. The colony's paper, the Coming Nation, which at one time had 60,000 subscribers, has dwindled to 3,000 and the outfit was sold for a trifle. If a colony composed of believers in socialism fails, what may be expected of national socialism?

The minie bullet, used exclusively by the was a "dum-dum" bullet. slightly hollow base was spread by the powder filling the rifling of the Springfield musket. It tore its way through all that it hit, inflicting a "shock" out of all proportion to the size of the wound or the permanent injury it caused. Its effect was to drop a man. Its defect was its weight, sixty rounds loading a man down. Since that time a smaller caliber has been sought, and our present rifle carries a bullet no larger than a lead pencil. This bullet goes twice as far and twice as fast as the old minie, but i makes a clean wound which inflicts little injury unless it strikes a vital part. Unless bone should be hit, a man would not feel it much. It is said that Indians and coarsegrained men generally do not much mind a Krag-Jorgensen missile. To make it ef fective the base of the long little bullet is a bit hollowed, so that it is spread with the force of the powder and becomes a "dumdum," and, as such, it gives the "shock" essential to disable. The British soldiers in India split the powder end of the bullet a little to make it "dum-dum." For the reason that we are at war with semi-savages, our delegation to the peace conference voted against the proposition to abolish the ise of the "dum-dum" bullet.

The admired and honored name of Oliver Wendell Holmes has received new distinction by the recent appointment of Justice Holmes, of that name, to be chief justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts. It is long reach from "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," and other works, by Oliver Wendell, sr., to the last edition of 'Kent's Commentaries," edited by Oliver Wendell, jr., but it is not too long for the American people to follow. They will be glad to see the fame of the father perpetuated by the son on new lines.

Under the caption "The State's Shame' the Louisville Courier-Journal says some true things about the Clay county feud and the disgrace it is bringing on the State Concluding, it asks, "What has the Govdown this of lawlessness?" It would better ask what has any former Governor of Kentucky done or what have the people of the State done in past years to make such a reign of lawessness impossible. Such a condition of affairs is not the growth of a night.

Concerning Us. The Chicago Inter Ocean feloniously 'the young Chicago girl who has achieved high reputation as a miniature painter; Addison C. Harris, minister to Austria, is erroneously stated by the Chicago Tribune to have received his education at Northwestern University at Evanston; and Elbert Hubbard, in the current New York Philistine, parodies James Whitcomb Riley's 'Little Town o' Tallholt" to paint the attractions of "The Town of East Aurora." Things are slowly but surely working round to affirm the Indiana theory that the little Hoosier State is the intellectual center of the Nation. When everybody is looking at 'us'-educationally, artistically and practically-why are we not "the head of the table?" If any "lagniappe" is needed, there is Mrs. May Wright Sewall, bearing recent well-deserved honors.

A few days ago the freight handlers of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in New York were about to strike. Father Brady, a wellknown Catholic priest, hearing of the situation, met the seven hundred men on the pier, and, mounting a platform car, ad-

dressed them as follows: My Dear Men-This moment is an occasion of vast importance to every man here to-day. I am here as your friend. I have always been interested in your welfare, and my entire sympathy goes out to you on this occasion. Judging from all external appearances, you are about to enter upon contest commonly called a strike. You have right to exert your strength and to fight or what you consider is a righteous cause. n united efforts there is strength. The only uestion is as to the means by which you are to accomplish your ends. And now let me tell you right here that strikes are drasic and questionable means of remedying evils which beset you laboring mer trikes foment passions of the gravest kind hey encourage blasphemy and intemperance. They inflict upon the laboring man a ositive injury, by placing him in a position of enforced idleness, during which his mind is clouded by anger. Worse than all, strike cause poverty and turn happy homes into ouses of wailing and misery. Remember your loved ones at home, dear men. Re-member your wives and children. Do not eave them without their daily bread, while you vainly attempt to right a wrong by neans of a strike. Remember, strikes bree overty, misery and sorrow, and in the enew of them are ever successful. During eight years, according to the statistics the commissioner of labor, there were 5,455 strikes. In these strikes 1,879,252 men were engaged. The men lost \$77,538,324 in these contests, and the companies, who could much easier afford to lose the money, los much less as a result of these strikes. The companies did not lose half that amount. companies are able to stand the ut the men suffer in conseq osses. Now I say, men, ap Go to the empany and state your case. your grievances. I am sure the officials of the railroad company will listen to your appeals and act justly. You will gain much more in that way than you could by strikore in that way than you could by strikf arbitration. Let the matter be settled

with the intelligence which the God you worship every day has given you. I thank you men for kind attention. Let your committee go to work quietly and earnestly while you continue to discharge your duties, and I am sure all will yet end well.

The men turned back and resumed their work, but the priest is said to be the object of the unlimited denunciation of the leaders, who believed that a most extensive strike had been inaugurated. Just now when the New York labor market is thronged with men coming as immigrants, the company, after a struggle, could have put other men in the places of those who would have been strikers but for the sensible and eloquent speech of Father Brady.

The man who wrote the much-talkedabout poem entitled "The Man with the Hoe," is writing space matter for a New York yellow paper. "The Man with the Hoe" can extend condolences.

## BUBBLES IN THE AIR.

One or the Other.

She-A man called to-day, who said he

had just got back from the Klondike. He-What did he want-to buy the place or beg some old clothes? The Cornfed Philosopher.

"Heaven will be a very lonesome place to good many women," said the Cornfed

Philosopher, "unless they can have a general house-cleaning once in a while." The Fair Maid Again.

'Where are you going, my pretty maid?' "I am going a-golfing, sir," she said. 'May I go with you, my pretty maid?"

"I have sticks in plenty, sir," she said.

The Cheerful Idiot. "People do not indulge in transports of innocent joy as they did when the world was younger," said the Pessimist Boarder. "You should bear in mind that there were no other transportation facilities in those days," said the Cheerful Idiot.

The Rubaiyat. 'A Book of Verses underneath the Bough' Is quite the proper Pabulum just now; But since Editions forty-odd there be-Which one's the One? O. Omar-answer Thou -Emma Carleton. New Albany, Ind.

#### NEW INVESTIONS.

A Missourian has designed a combination of shovel, poker and tongs in one implement for fire-place use, the poker having a pair of which hold it in handle, to extend over the blade and form

Broken umbrella ribs are easily repaired by a Canadian's invention, consisting of ubular section of metal having its interior shaped to fit the rib, with set screws in one side to be tightened and grip the broken ends of the rib.

For holding conductors' checks on car seats a new device is composed of a smal nagnet secured to the side of the car of on the seat, while each check has a small strip of metal at one end which is attracted

by the magnet. Dust and cinders are prevented from blowing into open car windows by the use of a new guard, which is designed to placed between the sill and the raised sash, and extend out from the side of the car far

enough to shield the opening. Two Chicago men have patented a shield for pneumatic tires which will protect the tire from punctures, the tread being flat and extending beyond the air chamber on each edge, with a metallic strip inserted in a sli

formed in the face of the tread. Cattle are prevented from getting on the railroad tracks at grade crossings by a ne guard, which is formed of zig-zag plates bolted to the ties to form ridges and depressions parallel with the ties, with sharp spikes set vertically on the plates.

To add to the comfort of bicycling a spring attachment has been patented, which is in serted in the rear forks, with a central rod in each fork engaging the hub connection the springs holding the rods down and les sening the shock and jar to the rider.

For use in mortising holes in doors for the insertion of locks, etc., a new boring tool has a series of cutting bits set in sock ets in a frame, with gear wheels connecting the sockets to revolve all the bits by con necting a brace to one bit and turning it. Broken rudders on ships at sea can b replaced by a Canadian's temporary steerng device, which comprises a set of brack-

ets shaped to fit portions of the huli, with guy ropes for holding them in position, the rudder frame being carried by the brack-Parcels can be attached to a bicycle with out the necessity of tying by the use of Pennsylvanian's device, a bracket being

clamped to the frame under the saddle to

carry a pair of curved spring forks which

press against the rear fork to grip the pack-A resident of New Zealand has patented thimble which has a section at the tip ecessed to contain a small hook with sharp blade set in the bottom of the recess to sever a thread when picked up by the hook, making a handy device for a seam-

Vegetables can be rapidly sliced or mashed by a newly designed cutter, having a hop per resting over a set of knives carried by base, with a lever mounted on one side of the base to depress a plunger in the hopper and force the vegetables between the cut-

A combination couch and chair has been designed, having the seat portion double with the upper section hinged to the lower to turn outward and be supported by the a horizontal position and rests on two folding legs.

Loaves of bread can be kept fresh for ome time by a Boston man's patent package, which is made of waxed paper or other air and waterproof material, the bread being placed in the package and sealed up while the loaf is at a temperature of about

A new tethering device allows animals to feed over a large area without incumbering them with a long rope to entangle their feet, a long rod being fastened at one end to a stake, with supporting wheels on the rod, which allows it to be drawn around by An interchangeable billiard-cue tip has

been patented, which is formed of a buttor with an eyelet in the rear, the tip of th cue being slotted and containing a hooked rod operated by a cam lever to engage the eye of the tip and draw it tight against the To temporarily repair leaks in fire hose

pair of semi-circular metallic sections are ninged together, with links on one section to engage hooked levers on the other, the levers being pivoted in brackets to allow them to be depressed and lock the sections around the hose. In an improved invalid bedstead the pa-

tient can be raised above the mattress level for changing the bedding, a pair of rods being set in sockets on either side of the bed, with cranks to turn them and wind up a cioth on which the person is lying to lift him from the bed A continuous spinning top has been in

vented by a Californian, having a balanced ring suspended on a central vertical shaft with a spiral groove in the center of the shaft, in which is mounted a spirallythreaded stem, to be depressed by the hand To aid in forming an airtight connection between the tumbler and shaker in mixing

drinks a packing ring has been designed

which fits inside the shaker, with an internal annular groove in which is placed a packing strip, which fits tightly around the edge of the tumbler. A cymbal campaign torch has been de signed by an Oklahoma man, having a fixed cymbal attached to the end of the torch rod, with a second cymbal attached to the

bale which carries the oil reservoir, the tilt-ing of the rod causing the cymbals to strike against each other. The rays of the sun are used to hear water for bathing in the summer by a ne Californian apparatus, having two water tanks placed in a heat-retaining receptacle with a system of mirrors arranged to throw the rays of the sun into the tanks and heat

A Connecticut man has designed a bicycle handlebar grip which will afford the hands firm hold without tiring them, compris a spirally-coiled strip of metal, with a collar at one end, to slide on the bar, and a car at the other to fit the end, the center of the spiral being raised from the bar.

he water contained therein

In a newly-patented system of gearing to hainless bicycles the crank shaft carries

hanger, a pair of short cranks being mounded on the second shaft to drive rods connecting with cranks on the rear hub.

A sterilizing cuspidor has been patented y a Frenchman, the upper portion being formed of a removable lid, with a separate essel underneath, in which is placed a cake of porous material saturated with a volatile disinfectant, which passes off in gas through the liquid in the cuspidor.

The roughened edges of collars and neckands are made smooth by a new ironing machine, which is formed of an iron bracket secured to the wall, with a heating de-vice inside, the end of the bracket having deep slot with a polished surface at the bottom over which the edges are drawn.

Two New Yorkers have designed a subqueous tunnel structure which can be laid on the bed of a stream without excavating more than to form a level surface, sections of metallic tubing being coated on the interior with cement and connected by means of an air-tight joint to form a continuous

To regulate the amount of light given by an electric incandescent lamp a Westerner has patented a resistance device, composed of a hollow collar filled with colls of resistance wire through which the current passes, the amount of light being regulated by turning the collar to connect a greater or ess number of wires.

An improved movable stairway has been patented, which allows people to descend as well as ascend on the same flight, an endless chain of strips being placed on guides running up an inclined plane, with a loop at either end around which the strips pass in a vertical position, falling horizontally as they reach the plane.

### ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS.

King George of Greece receives the smallest salary of any European sovereign \_\$200,000 a year. Joel Chandler Harris has never seen

play acted. The only time he has visited a theater has been to hear a reading by lames Whitcomb Riley. At the imperial court of Austria the chet of Emperor Francis Joseph estimates that

of \$250,000 expended on the tables every year the "unused" represents about \$100,000 John Philip Sousa, the composer, is contemplating devoting himself exclusively to the higher planes of music and has already, during his seaside vacation, composed portion of a grand opera.

William Dean Howells, asked when he found time to apply himself to literature, replied, "I did so before I really had the time. As a boy I was perpetually imitating the great authors to the neglect of the duties generally expected of a boy.

Before Frederick S. Church began study art he was a soldier in the civil war and an express messenger. He recently decould he paint but one picture a year and destroy that if, when finished, he did not approve of it.

Colonel Albert A. Pope, the millionaire bicycle manufacturer, first saw a bicycle in Philadelphia at the Centennial exposition of 1876. He was fascinated by the machine and spent several days in studying its mechanism and unconsciously laying foundations of his great fortune.

Herbert Spencer is now living in strict seclusion at Brighton, the state of his health being such that his replies are limited etters of immediate personal concern. riend inquiring as to the health of spencer had the pleasure to receive the following reply: "Thanks for your inquiry. I am about up to par, and not without hope of rising above it presently .- H. S."

Dr. Edward Everett Hale says that when e brought home his first report from the famous Boston Latin School it showed that ne stood only nine in a class of fifteen. Probably the other boys are brighter than said his mother. "God made them so, and you cannot help that. But the report says you are among the boys who be-have well. That you can see to, and that is all I care about

A returned engineer tells this of General Funston: "Before Caloocan many of our scouts were killed, and we could not find everal officers, among whom was Funston. As we searched the field with lights some-'General Funston, are you at my feet. 'I'm sleeping.' And he was. He had not had any rest for a long time, and when the chance came had taken more of t than he expected."

The Paris correspondent of London Truth says that General Gallifet had a Heorew ancestry, and adds: "The last Hebrew of his line was baptized in the reign of Louis XIII. He was christened Louis Gallifectus; or, Louis-made-a-Frenchman. This was corrupted into Gallifet. The descendants of the convert purchased high financial and judicial posts in Provence. I dare say they married Christian wives. But the old

er a race the greater its pertinacity. The German Emperor recently made the liscovery that there was something he did not know. The Empress and her children had been staying on the Tegeransee, in Bavaria, and while there the young princes had amused themselves by learning from a peasant the art of producing the peculia call of the Tyrolese, known as the yodel When the Emperor afterward joined them ne at once decided that such an opportunity of acquiring a new art must not be lost sending for the old forester, said to "You must teach me the only thing

To give God thanks when brief, oblivious The tranquil eve and blithesome morning

I do not know, and that is the yodel."

Easy as lark-song that. But how. smites The mace of sorrow, stings the malice Ah, unbelieving heart! To give God thanks in words-this is

But incense of the spirit-to distil From hour to hour the cassia and the nard Of fragrant life, his praises to fulfil? stant will -Katharine Lee Bates.

There is no deeper grief than loneliness, Our sharpest anguish at the death of friends Is loneliness. Our agony of heart When love has gone from us, is loneliness, The crying of a little child at night In the big dark is crowding loneliness. Slow death of woman on a Kansas farm: The ache of those who think beyond their

Pain unassuaged of isolated lives,-All this is loneliness.

#### -Charlotte Perkins Stetson. SHREDS AND PATCHES.

Pile luxury as high as you will, health is better.-Julia Ward Howe. A horse may pull with all his might, but

never with his mane.-Chicago Record. Our greatest glory is not in never failing but in rising every time we fall .- Confucius. Talk is cheap ordinarily, but it costs like rip over a long-distance telephone.-Hous-

Whose combeth his hair with a view t covering a bald spot, is a liar in his heart. -Detroit Journal. Let friendship creep gently to a height if it rush to it it may soon run itself out

of breath.-Fuller. A woman who dresses in a hurry always puts too much powder on the end of her nose.-Atchison Globe. A man has to be very much in love with

a woman to willingly carry her parasol over her.-Feminine Observer. Some people keep the Sabbath so holy that they don't work any for three days before or three days after.-The Bachelor. Some people seem to think that straight and narrow path is a short cut to

You can't get something out of nothing: but there are a number of people who can get little or nothing out of almost anything.-Puck A beast when it suffers goes off alone

a good many things that it is not .- Puck.

some lonesome place, it is only man who lets every one know when he is suffering. -Carmen Sylvia. A reflective middle-aged man never sees a very young couple billing and cooing that

the sight does not suggest souvenir spoons Philadelphia Times. If the good a man does is interred wit his bones, some of us will have plenty -Atlanta Constitution.

exemplified by the fact that laborers often are prostrated by the heat, but children-rarely.—Feminine Observer. It is always a great shock to a woman hear a preacher express a desire to go

The difference between work and play

Paris; his longing should be to Holy Land.—Atchison Globe. The belief in God is probably almost as nstinctive to a woman as the idea that sh

The truly great politician is one who is able to perform a clear public duty and b

he same act gratify a grudge against a olitical enemy.—Chicago News. The enthusiasm of inexperience has never

been more thoroughly illustrated than in the case of the bachelor who thinks he knows all about women.—Philadelphia Rec-Two women in whom the same man is in. terested may never be able to decide how

much they like him, but they don't have

## any trouble deciding how much they don't ECHOES OF THE WAR.

The Mauser Bullet as a Humane Feature of War. Omaha Bee.

While representatives of powers claiming

to be the most advanced promoters of civ-

lization advocated at the peace conference

the use of the villainous dum-dum bullet on

less civilized people, one of the latter class, the Filipinos, furnish an example the reverse of that advocated at The Hague. Filipinos use the Mauser bullet, and medical testimony agrees that it is the most humane bullet yet used in war. It may be said the Filipinos cannot help themselves. Admitted. That does not help the nations claiming superior civilization yet employing in war a bullet a wound from which means death. The Manila correspondent of Leslie's Weekly gives an instructive account of hospital experiences in treating wounds made by Mauser bullets. He says: "To the small. caliber bullet of the insurgents' Mauser the wounded boys owe their lives and a continuance of their usually friendly association with good arms and legs. In the bony structure of the body the Mauser bores a clean little hole, rarely fracturing a limb; in the skull it takes a center shot to kill I know of at least a dozen men shot through the brain with Mausers who are still alive and in good health. I know of fully a hundred cases shot through the chest cavity in every portion except the heart that have recovered-in fact, they rarely die. I know of cases where the main artery supply of a limb was totally destroyed, yet the integrity of the parts remained good. I helped, last week, to ligate the femoral artery in the left thigh of a Nebraska boy, and although a brass bullet had gone through the leg side. ways, severing the large blood vessels and terribly lacerating the flesh, the collateral circulation established insures to him a good leg eventually. But through the soft abdominal tissues the Mauser is always fatal, excepting wounds of the liver.

the operation is now entirely abandoned. "Wounds of the head excite the most wonder. At the battle of Mariquina, March 25, Private Avery Grimes, of my company fell close to my left. A Mauser entered behind the right ear, passed diagonally forward through the posterior wall of the throat, with its exit near the left corner of his mouth, taking along three teeth. He is practically well to-day. A Colorado man on our right that day had a Mauser bullet traverse the same identical course except that the points of entrance and exit were reversed. He returned to his company in two weeks in good health. Another man was struck behind the ear high up, the ball passing downward and forward and out the middle portion of the lower jaw. He lost a couple of teeth, but is making a nice recovery. A Montana boy was struck an inch back of the outer angle of the left eye, the bullet passing through his skull and making its exit in the same locality on the other side. He has lost the sight of one eye, and fear the other will soon follow, although he will recover his usual health. A Nebraska man was shot directly over the left eye, the ball passing down and out underneath the edge of the jaw, re-entering the shoulder and out near the elbow, again entering the wrist and out the back of his

wounded in the intestines, stomach and

spleen always die. Every one operated on

for resection of wounded intestines died, and

of months, but will have one good eye left to turn on the 'googoos. "The number of escapades also border on domain of the miraculous. Comrada McInnes of my company, who fell at Mariquina, in addition to his belt of cartridges carried a small pasteboard box of twenty cartridges in the bosom fold of his blue shirt. While withdrawing a cartridge from his belt a Remington brass bullet passed through the back of his hand, through the first of the two layers of cartridges in his bosom and doubled up a cartridge in the second layer so firmly as to still retain the brass missile in the fold. As the cartridge box was directly over his stomach, call can be appreciated. Private Glazier of my regiment at the same fight was also struck by a Mauser in his cartridge belt four inches internal to the point of the left bip. The bullet bored a clean little hole through the Springfield cartridge, passed through his groin and struck another shell in his belt on the other side, passing through and exploding. He was confined to bed ten days. Private Martenson of our regiment at the same fight was struck with a Remington brass bullet in the left foot. While waiting for medical aid a Mauser

hand. He is out of commission for a couple

bullet hit the other foot in almost the same identical spot 'Colonel Hawkins, of the Pennsylvania, in the advance on Caloocan, received a bullet in the handle of his revolver, passing through it, exploding a cartridge in his belt and glancing off. A Kanaka who joined the Californias at Honolulu peeped trenches at San Pedro Macati, with his head inclined slightly backward. A Mauser caught him just over the left eye, plowed over his skull under the scalp inches and out again. He did not quit his post, but he had only one "lamp" to peep with for two weeks. A Washington boy on March 2 had his scalp furrowed right where he parted his hair. The hospital corps bandaged his head and he returned to the trench. The bandage worked down over his eyes in the course of time and he sat up to

adjust it; it was a fatal moment. A Mauser passed through his body from right to left, passing through his heart, and he fell over

#### Grief of Ingersoll's Family. Chicago Post.

The very pathetic accounts of the manner in which the wife and daughters of Colonel Ingersoll wept over his body and refused to permit the cremation on the day originally appointed do not stimulate a nesire for the adoption of the colonel's creed. If death ends all, and if no hope of life or recognition beyond the grave is held out, we cannot wonder at the violence of the grief of the women of Ingersoll's family, now that his words have come home to them. It is one thing to sneer at religion while the family is united and everything goes without its consolations when the presence of the destroyer is felt. It may be that the Bible is a mass of absurdities, that Christianity is a delusion and that our fathers were fanatics and bigots, but we fancy that there comes a time in nearly every man's life when he is only too glad to cling to the comforts afforded by the very things he has despised. We venture to say, and we say it with all pity and deference, that a little of that so-called delusion and bigotry and absurdity and fanaticism would be a mighty tower of strength to the members of Colonel Ingersoll's family in this moment of grief

# Streets Roped Off for Dancing.

and despair.

New York Evangelist The chief of the Jersey City police, Mr. Murphy, proposes that selected blocks of asphalt pavement shall be reserved in various parts of the city during the evening and given over to the people for dancing These blocks will be swept clean and roped off, so that vehicles will not encreach upon them, and from 8 o'clock till midnight any who choose may dance there. The means by which music shall be provided may no doubt safely be left to the people and their The idea was suggested to Mt. Murphy by seeing the children dance on the sidewalk to the music of strolling handorgans, and no one who on a summer evening has had occasion to walk through a thickly peopled street, no one who is familiar with girls' clubs and knows the love of these young creatures for dancing, no one who knows how many semi-respectable dancing halls there are in the lower parts of every city, will deem the idea an unnatural ope It is earnestly to be hoped that the experiment may be tried in Jersey City, and it will be a matter of surprise if it is not found to conduce directly and decidedly to public morals.

# Gains Unaccounted For

tchison Globe. They used to weave the cloth their garments were made of and make them by hand. They now get them ready made at the stores. It takes less time to do every act of drudgery than it used to take. What becomes of the surplus time? If we have gained an hour over our ancestors, what becomes of it?

#### Too Much for Him. Boston Transcrip Mrs. Jones-Your son Thomas sick? I'm

orry to hear that

out painting the town, as I have since been informed by young Slater, who lives next door, and I'm afraid the smell of the paint was too much for him. His stomach is not very strong. Not So Bad as It Looks.

Mrs. Greene-Yes. The poor fellow was

### first glance to read that the iron trade of this country is us scarcity of labor.

Alger's Democratic Champions.

Nearly all our Democratic contemporaries agree that the administration should be re-